

Stafford Newsletter



September 2022

Welcome to our monthly edition of Monkey Puzzle Stafford news!



So, what have we been up to in September?

Phase 1 of the nursery refurbishment has been completed and all nursery rooms have now been painted. There are minor touch ups needed but we are loving the new branded Monkey Puzzle colours!

Phase 2 will begin in mid-October where our external signage is replaced with new branded signage. Our website will also have a branding and design change.

Cheeky Chimps

What a month we have had in the baby room! We have continued to explore our current interests and developed new interests. The interests of the month were puppets, babies and That's not my... books.

When exploring the puppets, the babies learnt to put them on their hand and fingers and wiggle them around. Practitioners would sing songs in relation to the puppet such as Twinkle Twinkle for a star puppet and Baa Baa for a sheep puppet.



Our Cheeky Chimps have also developed an interest in babies, they have enjoyed feeding them and taking part in pretend play. We have also decided as a room to develop the role play area around babies which will include blankets clothes and nappies to look after babies.

Another interest of the babies has been the That's not my...books. The babies enjoyed turning the pages and feeling the different textures.



As always the Baby Room enjoy all kinds of messy play! We have explored textures such as beans, jelly and moon sand. The babies took to the table and sat painting paper plates and tin foil. When painting tin foil the babies enjoyed the sounds of rustling and the shiny reflection.

The babies have loved using glue sticks to stick on different materials of all textures, shapes and sizes. In addition to this we used paint brushes to create marks in flour, some babies also used their fingers.

This month we have enjoyed celebrating Roald Dahl day and reflecting upon the life of Queen Elizabeth II. For Roald Dahl day we dressed up as characters from various books and played with activities such as a sensory chocolate factory and creating fantastic Mr Fox plates.

To pay our respects to the royal family the babies created a bouquet of flowers using handprints to stick in our condolence book.

We can't wait to see what we get up to next month.



Mischievous Monkeys

This month the toddler room have enjoyed our new camp site role play area. This was created after quite a few children from our room went camping for their summer holidays, so we wanted to share and build on those experiences through our role play area. The children helped to create the seats for the campsite, and we could not forget the fireplace to roast the marshmallows.

Also this month we celebrated Ronald Dahl at the nursery; in the toddler room we created activities based on his books 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' and 'James and the Giant Peach'.



The children went searching in the garden for their very own golden ticket.

Then the children enjoyed joining in an obstacle course carrying their peach from one end of the course to the other.



Also, this month we focused as a whole on fine motor control to help with using cutlery during mealtimes. Children have been introduced to various mark making utensils to develop their grip, co-ordination and control.



Groovy Gorillas

This month the children in Pre-School have enjoyed making our role play area into a dinosaur den. They have enjoyed talking about the different dinosaurs and the differences between each dinosaur, whether they have spikes or big teeth! The children have enjoyed being creative making dinosaur eggs and dinosaur footprints using different materials including tissue paper and paint.



Whilst exploring this topic one child started talking about volcanoes and all the children have learnt new vocabulary talking about volcanoes such as Lava, and eruption. We developed this interest further by making volcanoes out of playdough using their fine motor skills.

The children have still enjoyed going outside despite the weather getting colder. We are starting to encourage children's independence by getting their coats on by themselves. Outside they have enjoyed making objects out of the crates.

The children have also enjoyed celebrating many different celebrations. One celebration which they enjoyed was Roald Dahl day. For this day we turned the water station into George Marvellous Medicines and allowed the children to use different messy play ingredients to make medicines talking about who gives us medicines and other occupations.



The children also enjoyed using tweezers to get the Cheerio's out of Mr Twits beard, developing their fine motor skills. They also enjoyed the chocolate factory where we allowed them to find the golden ticket with their name on in coco powder and then they had a go at writing their names.

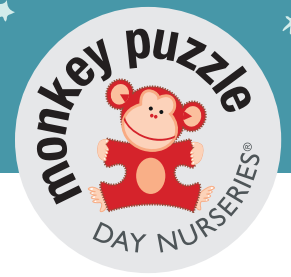
The children have also celebrated world Peace Day by making some doves.

Happy Birthday!

We have been celebrating lots of birthdays in September across the nursery. Happy Birthday to Abhishanveer, Alfie, Benjamin, Ember-Rae, George C, Hugo, Jude and Theo. Happy birthday also to our lovely and smiley staffmembers....Siobhan Paull, Room Leader for Toddler room and Karen Ayre our Kitchen Chef!

Let's not forget our amazing Manager Barb who also celebrated her birthday in September!





Employee of the month!

The Management team are always thankful to all the staff that work so hard to care for our Monkey Puzzle children and develop their learning. Our staff have voted Siobhan as this month's Employee of the month!



Well done Siobhan and we hope you enjoy your giant Millie's Cookie!

Dates for you diary!

Spooky Spectacular Halloween Stay and Play Event

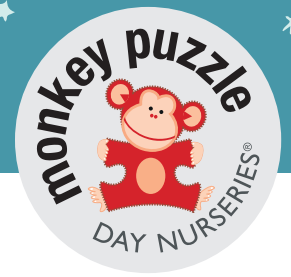
Don't forget to add our nursery event to your diary! We are holding a Spooky Spectacular Halloween Stay and Play event on Wednesday 26th October 1:30pm - 3:30pm! This is a fantastic opportunity for parents to come and join the children in messy activities. You get messy, we clean it away! Children and parents are welcome to dress up on this day to make the event spookier (not too scary though please).

Parents Meetings with Key Workers

Parents are invited for a face-to-face meeting with their child's key worker, following receipt of your child's summative assessment. It is important that we hold these meetings and discuss your child's development as it helps us work together and extend your child's learning at home as well as in nursery. Please make an appointment with key workers directly.

Parents Meetings for baby room will take place week commencing 10th October 2022.

Parents Meetings for toddler and pre-school rooms will take place week commencing 17th October 2022.



Dates for your diary!

1st - 31st October

Black History Month

2nd October

Grandparent's Day

3rd October

World Habitat Day

4th October

St Francis Day & Animal Day

5th October

World Teacher's Day

10th October

World Mental Health Day
& Columbus Day

16th October

World Food Day

24th October

Diwali

31st October

Halloween

Important notes for parents:

Please ensure you keep an eye on our Family App for announcements and messages!

If there are any changes to your child's contact details or emergency contact details then please can you advise management of this.

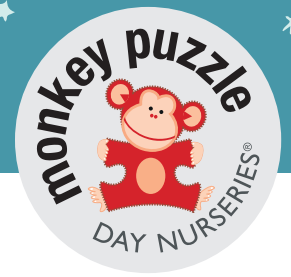
Our new policies are now available online on our website under Parents Page. The policies are password protected but will be shared with parents via Family! There will be more new policies being added in the coming months.

We are proud to be rated 9.9/10 on daynurseries.co.uk. Thank you to all our parents/carers who have reviewed our nursery!

Don't forget to add your pictures onto our Family app, so that practitioners can share your child's experiences and achievements with their friends and on their journal. If you have any questions then please message us on Family or call us during opening times on 01785 250188. We are always here to help.



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